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Sen. Kuipers to support Salvation Army fund-raising

LANSING — To help the Salvation Army raise money this Christmas season, state Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, is asking area residents to join him in assisting local charities this week.

“The Salvation Army helps so many people during the year, I’m honored to help them raise the resources they need to continue their efforts,” Kuipers said. “I encourage others to volunteer for the Salvation Army or a similar charity during this holiday season. As we saw in the aftermath of the powerful hurricanes in the Gulf Coast, disasters can strike any one of us with little warning.”

Kuipers will ring the bell outside of the SandCastle for Kids, located at 2 E. Eighth St. in Holland, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Since 1891, Salvation Army supporters have rung a bell next to the group’s distinctive red kettles to raise funds. According to the Salvation Army, almost 33 million Americans receive assistance each year from the group, including disaster relief, outreach to the elderly, and providing food, clothing and shelter to people in need. The Salvation Army operates in 9,000 communities nationwide. Last year, the money dropped in the red kettles totaled more than \$100 million nationwide.

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